

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: June 28 -The June KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on 28th, AT 6:30 pm ON Zoom. Like last time KØVXU will send out an invitational link to members. The famous Pie Eating Contest will be a virtual contest at home for now.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER DE KSØDX: ANTENNA SITE WAS ON TOP OF AT&T BUILDING DOWNTOWN. WOW! A LITTLE WIND AT 700'?

KSØDX'S HEX BEAM DIED AND BUILDING SOLD! WORKED WELL WHEN NEW!



BOUVET DXPEDITION CANCELLED, SEE PAGE 3 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	30	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	66	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		188	36	2732
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	231	332	193	151	110		1706
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	249	217	193	205		19	10	936
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
N0EG	193	159	141	90		1	3	539
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

The much sought after Bouvet DXpedition has been cancelled:
3Y0J BOUVET ISLAND 2023 DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release;[edited]

To the global DX community:

We regret to inform you of the following news.

The global pandemic has impacted the expedition charter vessel business very hard; this includes the venerable RV Braveheart which has provided outstanding safety and service to many DXpeditions. As you know, we had signed a contract with Braveheart for 3Y0J.

Today, we were informed that Braveheart will be sold. As a result, Nigel Jolly will no longer be associated with the ship, our contract with the ship has been cancelled and our deposit will be refunded. This is a very disappointing development to all involved.

At this time, we are cancelling the 3Y0J DXpedition. We have ceased accepting donations and we will begin refunding 100% of the donations using the same method they were received, i.e., PayPal, cash or check. This process will take several weeks to sort out, so please be patient.

We wish to thank our team for putting their trust in us. We wish to thank all of the donors and sponsors that gave generously to this project. We will continue to research other ships and possibly find another suitable vessel for a future project.

73, Paul Ewing, N6PSE & Kenneth Opskar, LA7GIA

Reminder: Send in your 2021 dues to W0ZAP, or use Paypal on the at www.kcdxclub.com .

FOR SALE: For sale: Hy-gain Discoverer 7-2 40-Meter 2-Element HF Beam Because I was unable to break the pileup on 40 meters BS7H dx-pedition I put this antenna on the tower some years later. Getting through the pileups was no longer a problem It works great.

Antenna is now on the ground as I am moving \$350

Kevin

N0CWR dxblackhole@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Alpha 76PA Linear Amp. Tubes good! 1500 watts out!

Contact AB0X at ab0x@kc.rr.com \$1K

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X



Here's an idea from KCDXC member AC0E, concerning future Operations from Bouvet:

From: "Jim AC0E" <ham@ac0e.com>

To: KCDXClub@groups.io

Sent: 6/14/2021 7:29:38 AM

Subject: Re: [kcdxclub] [kccc] Bouvet Cancelled

Perhaps someday with LEO constellation in place remote locations can have unmanned HF-6 all mode stations with antennas 😊 and operated remotely from elsewhere... would certainly cut down on the human danger factor for everyone except the "installation and maintenance team."

Jim AC0E



The Braveheart

OTHER DX NEWS:

60M NEWS. Paul, G4MWO, Editor of the 5 MHz Newsletter, reports that "Kyrgyzstan latest to arrive on 60m/5 MHz." The Union of Radio Amateurs of Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR) announced that on 4th June 2021, the Kyrgyzstan Telecommunications Regulator made the new WRC-15 Amateur Secondary Allocation of 5351.5-5366.5 kHz available to Kyrgyz hams at a maximum power of 100W. Other Secondary allocations made available at the same time were 472-479 kHz at 1w, 122.25-123 GHz and 134-141 GHz both at 100W.

Andrea EX0DX/HB9DUR -- ARUKR IARU Liaison Officer

The Union of Radio Amateurs of Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR): <http://qrzex.com>

The 5 MHz Newsletter -- Can be found freely available at any time at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/koz6msf74mtk76t/5%20MHz%20Newsletter.pdf?dl=0>

The 5 MHz Newsletter Archive is at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9si2gq8dnz73uy9/AACCZty4t4wQaF1mot3cA3d9a?dl=0>

G4MWO's Worldwide 5 MHz Amateur Allocations Chart at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/dhapwdfqyaraxh2/5%20MHz%20WW%20Amateur%20Allocations%20Chart%20%28%20c%29%20G4MWO.xls?dl=0>

A3, TONGA (Postponed). After over one year of being QRT since May 2020 due to Covid-19, Masa, JA0RQV, has postponed his June A35JP activity from Tongatapu Island (OC-

049) again. He states the following on QRZ.com and his Blog page, June 12th [edited]: "I am so sorry to announce that I finally had to decide to withdraw from Fiji and return to Japan on 14th June 2021, since my flight from 3D2 to A35 can not be approved by Tongan government. I even spent two months waiting for their decision. It is very unfortunate, but due to Covid-19 pandemic in Fiji. I am planning to retry to enter Tonga in August or September this year via ZL..... 73 Masa JA0RQV in 3D2" For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at: <http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

J5, GUINEA BISSAU. The Italian DXpedition Team's next activity will be from Bubaque Island (AF-020), Guinea Bissau. The Team will be active between October 7-19th, using the callsigns J5T (CW-SSB-RTTY) and J5HKT (FT8). There will be 7 operators, 4 stations with operations on 160-10 meters using the above modes. Their official Web site is at: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at: <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline> Official forum at:

<http://www.hamradioweb.net> QSL via I2YSB direct, OQRS or LoTW.

JW0W SVALBARD DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Ken, LA7GIA, posted the following on FaceBook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/288876866220488>), June 4th [edited]: JW0W expedition to Prins Karls Forland Island west of Svalbard is going well (20-26th July). Today we received the final permit from authorities to access the nature reserve west of Svalbard. The area is only accessible by boat roughly 3h west of Longyearbyen. Progress since last update:

- * We plan for 60/40/30/20m as main bands with VDA and verticals, but will also have a Spanish Quad on 17/15/12/10m with us.

- * We now plan for 4-5 stations with Elecraft K3/Kx3 and 1000W amplifiers which includes inband operation and all modes CW/SSB/FT8.

- * We have extended the security and will bring with us 2 Huskys for added polar bear protection in addition to one person on duty 24/7.

- * We need an expensive mandatory SAR insurance. This adds to the expenses so our budget is going up to 16000 USDs.

We are grateful that we have 8 supporters so far donating to the DXpedition expenses. All supporters get a free express QSL card and LoTW from our QSL Manager Charles Wilmott, M00X0. If you want to support us, please paypal to: jw0wpk@gmail.com Thanks to FUNKAMATEUR for supporting us.

ADDED NOTE BY EDITOR: Allan Batievsky, EA3HS0, posted the following on FaceBook, June 11th: We are very happy to announce that Connor (W4IPC) has joined the JW0W team as our NA pilot. He's a young OP proficient in every mode and with a lot of pileup experience from his contesting at WW1X as a permanent part of the RHR team. Connor will help us reach all call zones in this heavily NA and AS focused mini DXpedition.

OH100, ALAND ISLANDS (Special Event). Members of "Alands Radioamatorer" club (OH0A) is celebrating Aland Island's 100th anniversary between now through June 9th, 2022, with the special callsign OH0100AX. QSL via address on QRZ.com.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Operators Adrian/K08SCA, Martti/OH2BH, Niko/OH2GEK, Pekka/OH2TA, Henri/OH3JR and Tapani/OH5BM will be active as OJ0C from Market Reef (EU-053) between June 12-21st. The USA/Japan pilot will be Juha, OH1ND. QSL via OH3JR.

ADDED PRESS RELEASE (date June 8th)[edited]: MARKET REEF, OJ0C WILL FOCUS FT8 AND

THEIR INTERNATIONAL GUEST -- The Finnish DXers heartily welcome Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, to join the OH team to Market Reef on Saturday, June 12th through June 21st. The team include locals; Henri/ OH3JR, Pekka/OH2TA, Niko/OH2GEK, Tapani/OH5BM and Martti/OH2BH. Their focus is on FT8 on 6M and other higher bands with the existing ES propagation.

OJ0C USA & Japan pilot is OH1ND, Juha.

Adrian will also join the SRAL IARU HQ operation (July 10-11th) from OF0HQ/OF2HQ with OH2GEK and OH2TA on 40m CW and will be active outside the IARU as OH0SCA.

Both OJ0C and OF2HQ are newly activated multipliers for SRAL Centennial Award. (*)

While in Finland, Adrian will also meet OH DXers to discuss the planned Swains Island operation (W8S), 2012 and Bouvet Island operation (3Y0J), 2013.

NEW QSL ROUTE FOR SV2RSG/A. Due to many and important monastic obligations, and also daily forced changes in his schedule due to the Covid-19, Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG/A, from Mount Athos has now appointed George, SV1RP, as his new QSL Manager. QSL direct to: George K. Vlachopoulos, Panselinou 26, 11141 Athens, Greece. UPDATE (June 9th):

The QTH of SV2RSG/A experienced a strong storm and was flooded. New QSL Manager George, SV1RP, states everything was lost, including QSL cards and the transceiver. There is now no working rig there. QSL Manager George does have some blank cards he had previously been sent, so if you are waiting for your card from Monk Iakovos you will need to request it again.

HUGE PILE UP ON JUNE 8TH FOR DAYTON HAMVENTION ROOMS

Editorial Comment

BY AB0X

At 9AM EDT, on June 8th, the Hope Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, hosted one of the largest single pile up contests in modern history. Cell phone callers began calling to make reservations into the Hope Hotel for rooms for Hamvention 2022 hotel room reservations. Literally, thousands of DXers/Contesters began trying to get thru to claim a room for Hamvention weekend. K3LR purchased the entire hotel for 3 days of Hamvention. Obviously, the Hope Hotel was not equipped for the thousands of callers that morning! Callers were hung up on and rejected by the inadequate telephone system at the hotel. Personally, I was cut off several times after being sent to the reservation desk many times. After nearly an hour I was able to finally get thru, so my comments are not just sour grapes. However, I did hear from other club members who felt the same way I did.

A few of the KCDXC members broke the pile up, but some didn't get thru who tried. In all honesty, the old way of the KCDXC guaranteeing rooms for all club members at the Crowe Plaza in Downtown Dayton sure worked easier and was more practical for club members.

K3LR has made arrangements for the KCDXC to be the center attraction in the Hope Hotel on Saturday night. Hopefully, all the glitches in the software have been solved from our last attempt at running the KCDXC CW Pile Up Contest two years ago in our suite at the Crowne Plaza. The spot light will certainly be on our group Saturday night of Hamvention 2022 weekend.

Perhaps, since the KCDXC is providing one of the keynote activities of the Hamvention and Contest University, the KCDXC could have had 20-25 rooms at Hope Hotel set aside for our group. Sounds like a good bargaining chip to me!-AB0X

ANNUAL KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT- JULY 24TH!!

The annual KCDXC Carp Tournament will be held on July 24th on sandy banks of the Kansas River. Start time is 9AM under the bridge on K-7 in Bonner Springs, KS. AA0MZ, Head Judge of the contest reminds every one there is only one rule in the contest: "There ain't no stinking rules." So, from stink bait, automatic weapons, hand grenades or dynamite, all forms of bait are acceptable. All catches have to be weighed in by 5 PM under the K-7 bridge by the Head Judge.

***However, remember the KCDXC will not provide bail money if KS Game Wardens arrest any participant in the KCDXC Carp Tournament.**

Some very famous people in ham radio have been past winners of the famous KCDXC Carp Tournament. Some include : W7PHO, Bill; W0XE, Don; W0JLC; K0CS, Steve; AC0C, Jeff; YA0RR, Romeo(*He was really in the Ukraine at the time of the tournament) ; WA6AUD, Cass; AB0I, John; K5NW, John; N0XA, Fred; N0AG, Tom; K7UGA, Barry; W0AR, Lee; AK0A, Bill; K5FUV, Bill; K5UR, Rick; W8TN, Clark; W0DR, Big Dave; K0LW, Lee; N0RB, Rick; W0JM, Johnny; W5KNE, Bob; W0XE, Don, and WA0WOF, Kay.

The world Famous Beer Can Toss Contest has been replaced by a new competition very similar to Corn Hole, so popular at Arrowhead Stadium before Chief's games: The Coil Hole Toss: An 80 meter loading coil has to be tossed thru the hole a distance of 30' at an old Heath DX 100 transmitter cabinet top with a hole drilled in the top. Many low band DXers have been practicing in their backyards all Spring with hope of scoring the first "Coil Hole Toss Championship" this Summer.

27 cases of Bub Light have been purchased(much to the protest of AA0MZ) by the KCDXC for the fish fry after the Tournament. Bring your family and enjoy an evening at the beach, "Kansas Style."



Two of our more recent KCDXC Carp Tournament Champions are shown above.
W0XE, Don, on the left and WA0WOF, Kay on the right.
N0AG is on the far left enjoying the fun.

WD0SRI SELFIE!

Skeeter, WD0SRI, sent over the picture below. He explained that he couldn't participate in the Antenna Series: Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder, since he had no antennas at the present time, so he sent a selfie.



Skeeter is on the left in the photo!

FIELD DAY CONTEST: REVITALIZED! **FULL CONTACT FIELD DAY CONTEST*** **BY AB0X**

A New Approach to a classic Ham Radio Activity!

Every once in a while old activities have to be revitalized or remodeled. It is time for ARRL's classic Field Day Contest to be revitalized. Instead of using more technology, our new style is to use a more physical force approach. Read carefully:

The new version of Field Day is a new "Full Contact Approach." With more emphasis being placed on full contact, Field Day will be a contest of endurance, strength, and cunning.

The Concept: Each Transmitter added to club's or group score will be a 4 man team to build an emergency station, operate the contest, protect their station from other club groups and plan and carry out attacks on their nearby competitors.

Example: The KCDXC could choose four ops like: W0DR, K0LW, K0XM and AB0X. Each team should be built around ham knowledge, operating skill and toughness. Each member would bring their own special skills that combine with other member's skills of the group. (In this team, Chuck would operate the radio and the other 3 boys would run interference and block for him to maintain a good QSO rate.)

Standard Equipment would include a transceiver of user's choice, antenna materials that could be used to build a working, efficient station and a power generator. Also, each team would be issued a BB gun and two packs of 100 BB's each. All teammates would be issued eye protection goggles, a hard hat, chest protection devices like MLB catchers use, including FB shoulder pads, and an optional athletic supporter with a solid plastic cup, as well. No team member may wear protective equipment on their backsides, however. Only regular pants, overalls, shorts etc. may be worn with no extra padding. Only this area of the body may be shot at during the 10 minutes of attack that each group is given per hour.

Opposing teams would be stationed no closer than 50 feet from each other, so marksman skills and running ability would be highly esteemed. Also, each team is given 10 minutes of each hour that they may attack, destroy or hurt the opposing team's station, antennas, operating equipment and operator's morale (numerous shots in the butt by a BB gun will definitely lower team spirit and the desire to sit down at the operating desk and work a pile up.) Can't you just imagine a few BB's bouncing off the backsides of these big butts in this group?

Also, the wise choice of team member selections is very important. All 4 members of a team may at their own risk physically, attack any other team's operators and equipment, thereby lowering the QSO rate. Tackling the opponents and knocking over their operating desk could be done along with stomping and kicking radios and operators at any time. Retired pro FB players may be recruited for team positions but must be licensed amateurs. For this reason some large and hefty ops will be needed to maintain a team's competitiveness while still having good operating skills, as each team would only receive a limited supply of BB's.

NEW IDEA: A special operating category for Technician class hams could be established and Bonus Points given for Tech competitors. A 4 man team of Techs would be issued one handi-talkie and the team would have to carry their handi-talkie across the opponent's end line for a goal. If stopped before reaching the goalline, similar to Rugby, a Scrum would be started and large pile ups could be started on Technician class frequencies for FD contacts. The techs would have to attempt to make contacts while in the midst of the Scrum. Durability of equipment and the operators would be an important part of Team selection.

Public Relations:

Setting up teams in public parks would definitely be good PR for ham radio. If activities go as planned, TV coverage may be picked and broadcast on sport channels like ESPN. A typical high school FB field could host 6-8 operating teams and would definitely attract lots of attention for ham radio and the new "Full Contact Field Day" activities.

The strategy involved in all of the Full Contact Field Day could be exciting and full to watch!

Refinement of some rules may be needed as more Full Contact Field Day Events develop.-AB0X

*Yes, this is a satire and AB0X has always been a strong supporter of all real ARRL Events.

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